

RegOnline Is Committed to Accessibility

RegOnline is committed to offering every person who wants to register for an event the ability to do so, regardless of blindness, color blindness, cognitive issues, reduced mobility, or any other potential barrier. To facilitate this, RegOnline has proactively designed its registration form to accommodate registrants with special needs. Specifically, RegOnline has created our forms to allow assistive readers to effectively present it.

RegOnline's registration form complies with 508 and WCAG, the two primary accessibility standards for the Internet, as follows:

- ▶ **100%:** 508
- ▶ **100%:** WCAG 2.0 Level A. Web developers **must** satisfy these requirements. Otherwise, it will be impossible for one or more groups to access the Web content.
- ▶ **100%:** WCAG 2.0 Level AA. Web developers **should** satisfy these requirements. Otherwise, some groups will find it difficult to access the Web content.
- ▶ **91%:** WCAG 2.0 Level AAA. Web developers **may** satisfy these requirements, to make it easier for some groups to access the Web content. Per the WCAG guidelines: "It is **not** recommended that Level AAA conformance be required as a general policy for entire sites because it is not possible to satisfy all Level AAA Success Criteria for some content."

Note: These percentages apply to the registration form with the default text/colors/images only. As an event organizer, you have an obligation to ensure that any content or design you create is also compliant with 508 and WCAG.

What Is 508?

Section 508 is a United States' law that requires federal agencies to ensure that any information technology they use is accessible.

From Section508.gov, the official website of The United States Government:

"In 1998, the US Congress amended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to require Federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology accessible to people with disabilities... Section 508 was enacted to eliminate barriers in information technology, open new opportunities for people with disabilities, and encourage development of technologies that will help achieve these goals. The law applies to all Federal agencies when they develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology. Under Section 508 (29 U.S.C. § 794d), agencies must give disabled employees and members of the public access to information that is comparable to the access available to others."

What Is WCAG?

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) are web accessibility guidelines created by the W3C, the web standards consortium. Like Section 508, these guidelines help people with disabilities use the web more easily. The current specification of the WCAG is 2.0, but it is backwards compatible with 1.0. The WCAG is not associated with any government body; however, many governments use these standards (for example, the United Kingdom and Australia use these as requirements for many sites).